

AGENTS OF S.H.I.E.L.D. 7

MARVEL



GUGGENHEIM
PERALTA
ROSENBERG

Walt
AFTER TURNER! FC

**STAMFORD,
CONNECTICUT.**

SO, FITZ, HOW
MUCH DAMAGE DO
YOU FIGURE A *DEFUNCT*
HYDRA SPY SATELLITE
MAKES WHEN IT BREAKS
OUT OF ORBIT AND
CRASHES DOWN?

**S.H.I.E.L.D. AGENT
MELINDA MAY.**

**LEO
FITZ.**

NOT TO
GET ALL
TECHNICAL
ON YOU OR
ANYTHING,
MAY...

"...BUT
A LOT."

**BATTLECARRIER
PERICLES.**

...WE'RE READING A
SECONDARY FORCE
CLOSING IN ON YOUR
POSITION, MAY.

MOCKINGBIRD,
DEATHLOK...
STAY SHARP.

**S.H.I.E.L.D.
AGENT PHIL
COULSON.**

**JEMMA
SIMMONS,
PHD.**

**BOBBI MORSE
(A.K.A. MOCKINGBIRD).**

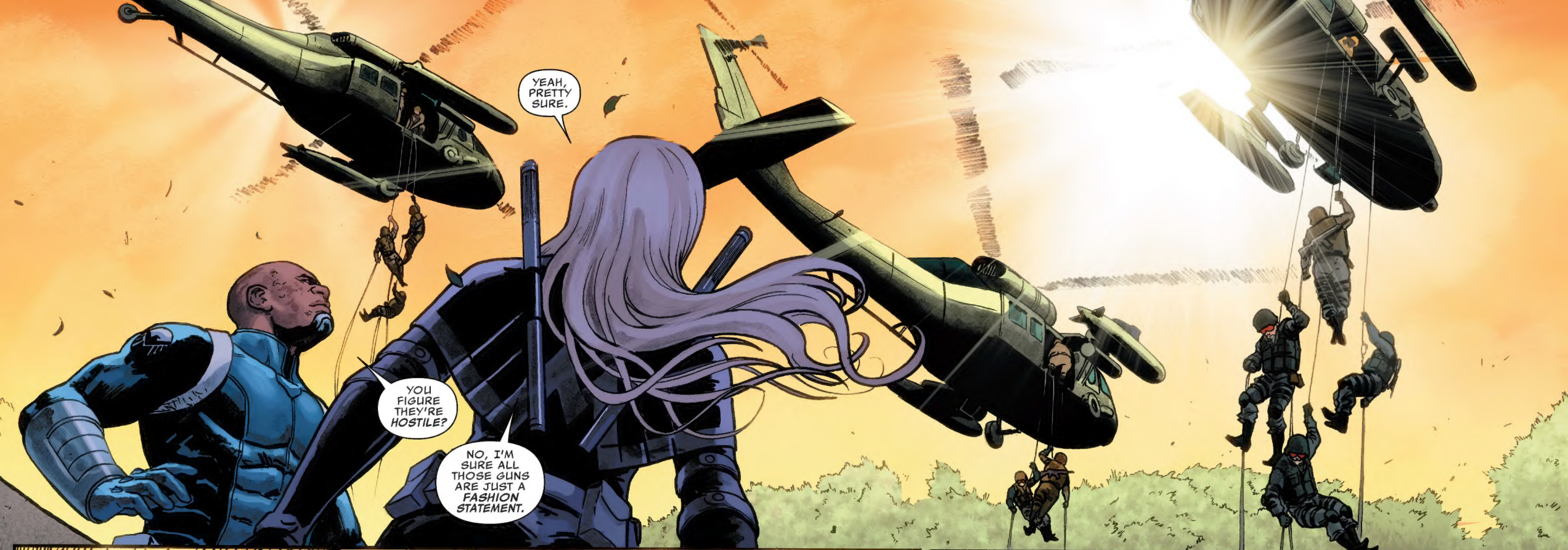
SEEMS LIKE WE'RE NOT
THE ONLY PEOPLE WHO
WANT TO RECOVER
THIS THING.

WHO DO YOU
THINK IT IS,
BOBBI?

DEPARTMENT
OF DEFENSE.

ARE YOU
SURE?

**HENRY HAYES
(A.K.A. DEATHLOK).**



YEAH, PRETTY SURE.

YOU FIGURE THEY'RE HOSTILE?

NO, I'M SURE ALL THOSE GUNS ARE JUST A FASHION STATEMENT.



OKAY, SO I'M THINKING WE WAVE OFF THIS THING AND LET THE D.O.D. TAKE POINT...

COULSON AND THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE AREN'T EXACTLY BFFS THESE DAYS, SO I'M GONNA GUESS NOT.

MOCKINGBIRD... DEATHLOK... WE'RE EN ROUTE TO YOUR POSITION.



FASTER, PLEASE.

THIS ISN'T COOL. THESE GUYS SHOULDN'T BE SHOOTING AT US.

WELL, FEEL FREE TO STOP SHOOTING BACK AND TELL THEM THAT.

SASS IS NOT HELPFUL HERE.

KA
BRAKKA
BRAKKA
BRAKKA

TINK
TINK
TINK

"I WANT THE PENTAGON ON THE LINE. NOW."



GET GENERAL STRAKOFSKY. I WANT TO TALK TO HIM IMMEDIATELY!

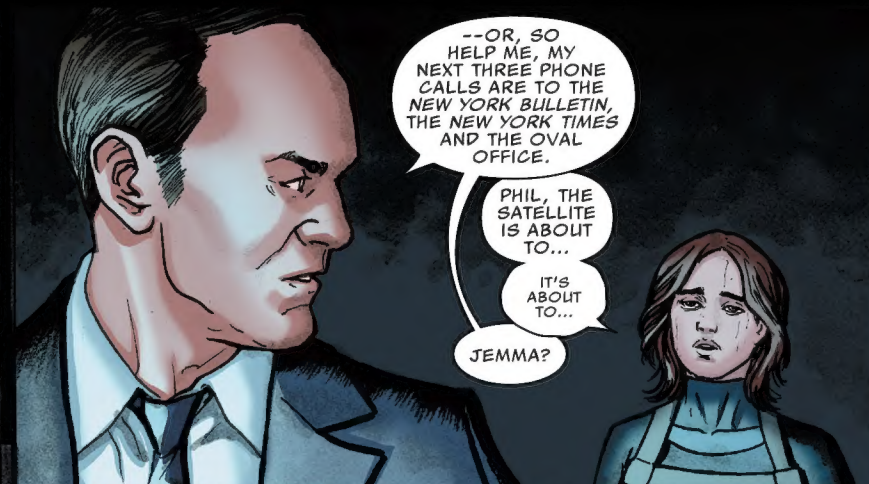
PHIL, CALM DOWN--

##\$%@ CALM...



"...HIS MEN ARE ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN A FIREFIGHT WITH MY PEOPLE."

HENRY, BOBBI, WE'VE GOT YOUR BACKS.





FEELS LIKE I JUST GOT HIT BY A BUS...

NO, LEO, THAT WOULD BE A DE-ORBITED SATELLITE.

YEAH, A BUS WOULD BE BETTER...



NOBODY MOVE!

ANY OF YOU SO MUCH AS TWITCH, WE'RE GONNA LIGHT YOU UP.

THAT INCLUDES YOU, ROBOCOP...

I THINK HE'S TALKING TO YOU, HANDSOME.

NOT FUNNY.



THIS IS A S.H.I.E.L.D. OPERATION, SOLDIER.

ON U.S. SOIL, WE'RE AUTHORIZED TO TAKE THIS SATELLITE.

AND WE'RE AUTHORIZED TO USE DEADLY FORCE AGAINST ANYONE WHO GETS IN OUR WAY...



...DOESN'T MATTER IF THEY'RE WEARING A S.H.I.E.L.D. UNIFORM OR NOT.

YOU THINK YOU CAN TAKE US ALL OUT, GIVE IT A SHOT, PAL.



UM...LET'S NOBODY DO ANYTHING RASH...

SIR? IT'S COULSON. STAND DOWN.

SIR, THE SITUATION HERE IS--

IT'S OVER, MAY.



STAND DOWN. LIVE TO FIGHT ANOTHER DAY.

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AGENTS OF S.H.I.E.L.D.

STRATEGIC HOMELAND INTERVENTION ENFORCEMENT LOGISTICS DIVISION

UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT

EPISODE ONE: WHOSE SIDE ARE YOU ON?

A battle is raging with nothing less than the future at stake. The emergence of a new Inhuman, Ulysses, with the power to see the future has divided the world's super heroes. The "protect the future" contingent is led by Tony Stark, who believes that the future cannot be predicted or controlled. He's opposed by Colonel Carol Danvers, who wants to use Ulysses' powers to "change the future."

Which side will Phil Coulson and his agents choose?

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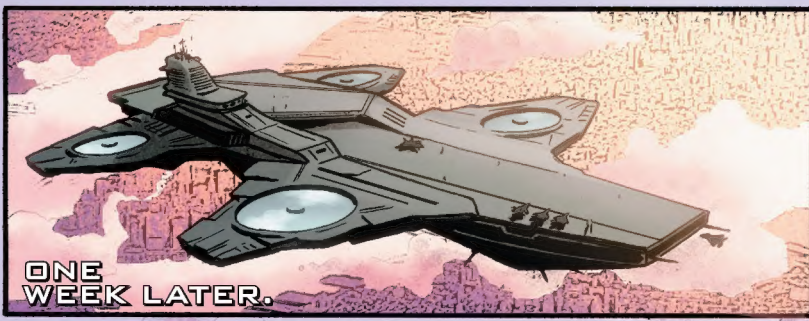
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ONE WEEK LATER.

HOW'S JEMMA?

COMATOSE. APPARENTLY, SHE WAS INFECTED WITH AN EXTREMELY AGGRESSIVE BIOWEAPON. FORMER A.I.M. TECH.

AND JUST AS APPARENTLY, SHE WAS KEEPING HER CONDITION A SECRET.

PROGNOSIS?

NOT GOOD.

MARIA HILL, DIRECTOR OF S.H.I.E.L.D.

AND THEN THERE'S AGENT JOHNSON...

SHE'S JUST TAKING SOME OVERDUE VACATION. SHE'LL BE BACK NEXT WEEK.

WAIT. SHE DIDN'T TELL YOU?

TELL ME WHAT?

SHE REQUESTED A TRANSFER, PHIL. SHE'S OFF YOUR TEAM.



I TAKE IT SHE DIDN'T GIVE YOU ANY INDICATION OF THIS.

NO.

AND DO YOU KNOW WHAT PRECIPITATED THIS REQUEST?



YOU DON'T HAVE PROTOCOLS JUST ON HEROES.

YOU THOUGHT ABOUT WAYS TO DISABLE EACH ONE OF US, PEOPLE ON YOUR OWN TEAM.

I KNOW YOU'RE A FANBOY, BUT I FEEL THAT CROSSES A VERY SPECIFIC AND SERIOUS LINE.

DAISY JOHNSON (A.K.A. QUAKE).



LET ME TALK TO HER...

LIKE YOU SAID, SHE'S ON LEAVE.

AND IN ANY CASE, WE HAVE A NEW PROBLEM.



A FEDERAL ARREST WARRANT HAS BEEN ISSUED AND THE D.O.J. IS ASKING US TO EXECUTE IT FOR THEM.

WHO ARE WE APPREHENDING?



TONY STARK.

LATER...

"TELL ME AGAIN, WHY ARE WE ARRESTING TONY STARK?"



IT'S A
BUCKET LIST
ITEM FOR
ME...

HE
ALLEGEDLY
INFILTRATED NEW
ATTILAN AND
ABDUCTED AN
INHUMAN.

WHY
THE HELL
WOULD HE
DO THAT?



THE INHUMAN IS
APPARENTLY SOME
KIND OF PRECOG--
HE CAN PREDICT
FUTURE
EVENTS.

AND STARK OBJECTS TO
USING HIS KNOWLEDGE TO
BETTER THE WORLD.

SO STARK
KIDNAPS
HIM?

WE JUST
TRIED TO SECURE
A HYDRA SPY
SATELLITE FOR FEAR
THAT THE INFORMATION
IT CONTAINED
WOULD FALL INTO
THE WRONG
HANDS.

SAME
PRINCIPLE,
I SUPPOSE.



SINCE WHEN
ARE WE THE
POLICE,
ANYWAY?

THIS FEELS
A LITTLE
OUTSIDE OUR
BAILIWICK.

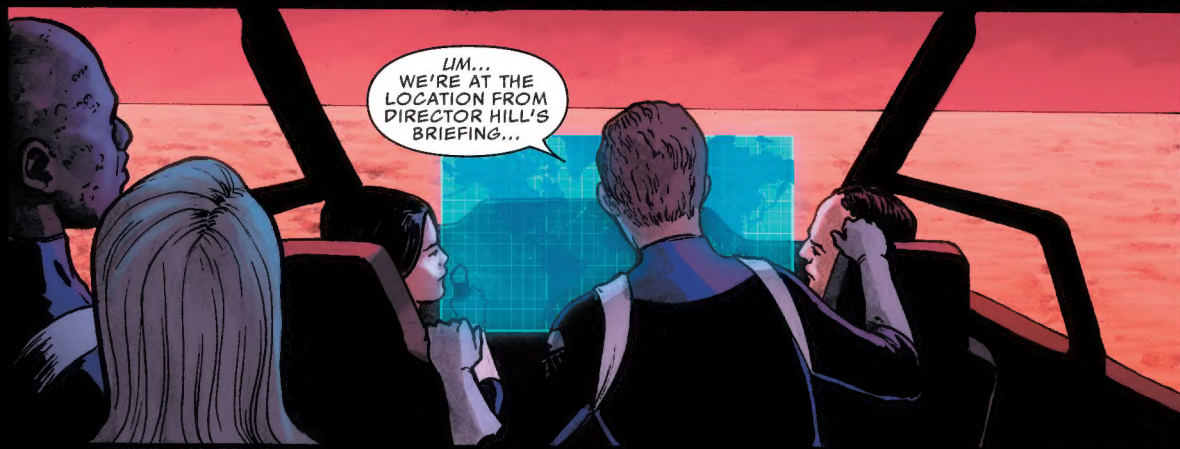
I SUSPECT
WE'RE NOT THE
ONLY PEOPLE AT
S.H.I.E.L.D.--OR
ANYONE ELSE FOR
THAT MATTER--
WHO'RE LOOKING
FOR STARK.

BUT WE ARE
THE ONLY ONES
WITH A GPS FIX ON
HIS ARMOR'S NEW
DESIGN.

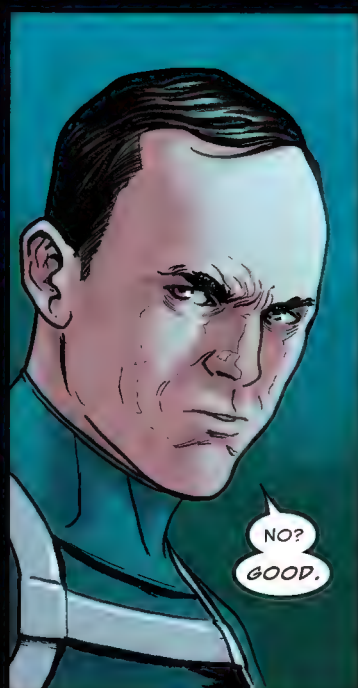
WHAT?

COULSON MAY
OR MAY NOT HAVE
HAD ME TAG STARK WITH
A NANOTECH TRACKER
WHEN HE HELPED US
TAKE DOWN THE
GORGON.





**STARK
UNDERWATER R&D
FACILITY DELTA.
DECOMMISSIONED.**



"THEN LET'S
SPLIT UP
AND GET
THIS DONE."

GOOD
TO HAVE YOU
BACKING US
UP, BOSS.

WELL,
WE'RE SHORT-
HANDED.

THAT WAS
YOUR POINT,
WASN'T IT,
HENRY?

LITTLE
BIT.

DAISY
REALLY
QUIT?

...
SHE'S BEING
REASSIGNED.

AND
JEMMA...

I'D LIKE
TO LOOK OVER HER
FILES, THE DIAGNOSTICS
ON HER CONDITION.
MAYBE I CAN STOP THE
SPREAD OF THE
INFECTION...

OH,
I THINK
YOU'VE
ALREADY DONE
ENOUGH,
HENRY...

EXCUSE
ME?

IN THE
MEDBAY,
BEFORE SHE FELL
INTO THE COMA,
JEMMA TOLD
ME.

SHE TOLD
ME YOU *KNEW*
SHE'D BEEN
EXPOSED TO AN
ADVANCED
BIOWEAPON.

DID SHE
ALSO TELL YOU
THAT SHE ASKED ME--
TOLD ME--TO KEEP
HER CONDITION
A *SECRET*?

WELL,
YOUR DISCRETION
CERTAINLY SEEMED
TO HAVE DONE HER
A LOT OF *GOOD*,
HENRY.

TEAM
TWO, TEAM
ONE!



UM, WE
FOUND
HIM...

OF
COURSE
YOU FOUND
ME...

SHRAM



WE'RE
HEADING
THERE
NOW.



...DO YOU THINK
FOR A SECOND
YOU WOULD'VE IF
I DIDN'T WANT
YOU TO?

GNF--

FREEZE!

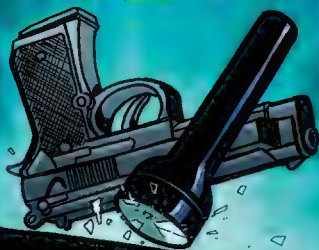
CHAK



STAND
DOWN,
TONY...

SORRY.
CAN'T STAND.
FLYING.
OH, AND
HACKING.

CHAK



HENRY,
WHAT ARE
YOU--?

IT'S NOT
ME, BOSS.
HE'S IN MY
NEURAL
NET...



YES, I
AM. NIGHTY
NIGHT.

HGG...



NANOTECH,
PHIL?
REALLY?

I
PRACTICALLY
INVENTED
THE STUFF.



WHICH
MEANS
YOU LURED
US HERE.
WHY?

IT WAS
JUST A
LITTLE
LURING...



...I'M HACKED INTO S.H.I.E.L.D.'S SYSTEM.

I KNOW HILL SENT YOU AFTER ME.

AND I KNOW SHE DIDN'T TELL YOU WHY.



ACTUALLY, SHE MIGHT'VE MENTIONED SOMETHING ABOUT INVADING A SOVEREIGN NATION AND KIDNAPPING.



THE INHUMAN I "KIDNAPPED"?

HE SEES THE FUTURE, PHIL.



"CAROL DANVERS AND HER BUDDIES, THEY WANT TO USE THAT KNOWLEDGE.

"THEY WANT TO OPEN UP PANDORA'S BOX AND SHAKE OUT THE CONTENTS.

"BUT I'M A FUTURIST. I KNOW THE FUTURE CAN'T BE PREDICTED-- IT HASN'T HAPPENED YET.

"BUT YOU KNOW WHAT HAS HAPPENED?

"JAMES RHODES IS DEAD.

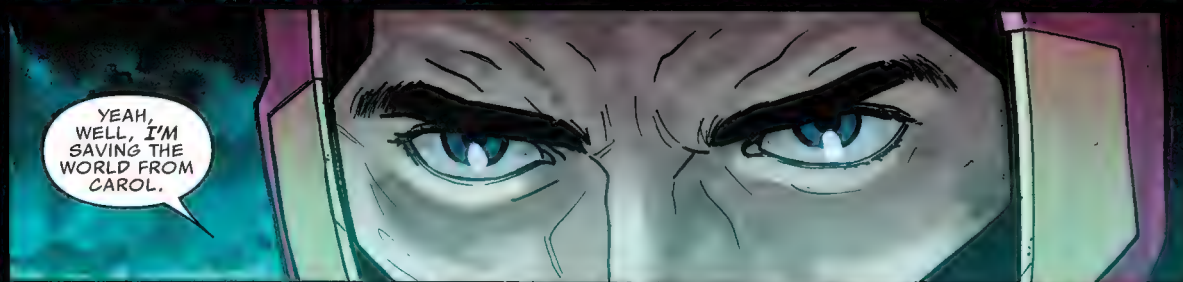
"AND IF CAROL KEEPS PLAYING WITH FIRE, HE'S NOT GOING TO BE THE LAST FATALITY."



THAT'S YOUR PERSPECTIVE. I'M SURE COLONEL DANVERS HAS HER OWN.

OH, SURE. SHE'S GOT A WHOLE BUNCH OF REASONS WHY HER BAD IDEA IS A GOOD IDEA. THE TOP FIVE ARE "SAVING THE WORLD."

THAT'S KIND OF THE BUSINESS WE'RE ALL IN, TONY.



YEAH, WELL, I'M SAVING THE WORLD FROM CAROL.



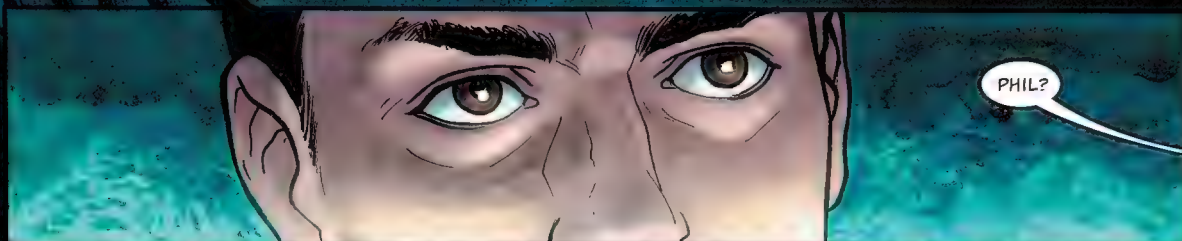
WE'RE AT WAR, PHIL.

AND EVERYONE'S GONNA HAVE TO CHOOSE A SIDE.

I WANT YOU AND YOUR TEAM ON MINE.

I WANT YOUR HELP TO STOP CAROL BEFORE ANY MORE BLOOD GETS ON HER HANDS.

THINK ABOUT IT.





...YOU LET HIM GO.

HIS NEW ARMOR...



DEATHLOK MIGHT'VE BEEN TKO'D, BUT HIS SENSOR LOGS WERE WORKING JUST FINE.

CHK



CAROL DANVERS AND HER BUDDIES, THEY WANT TO USE THAT KNOWLEDGE.

THEY WANT TO OPEN UP PANDORA'S BOX AND SHAKE OUT THE CONTENTS.



MAYBE IF I'D HEARD THIS FROM YOU INSTEAD OF HIM, I'D HAVE GONE IN MORE PREPARED.



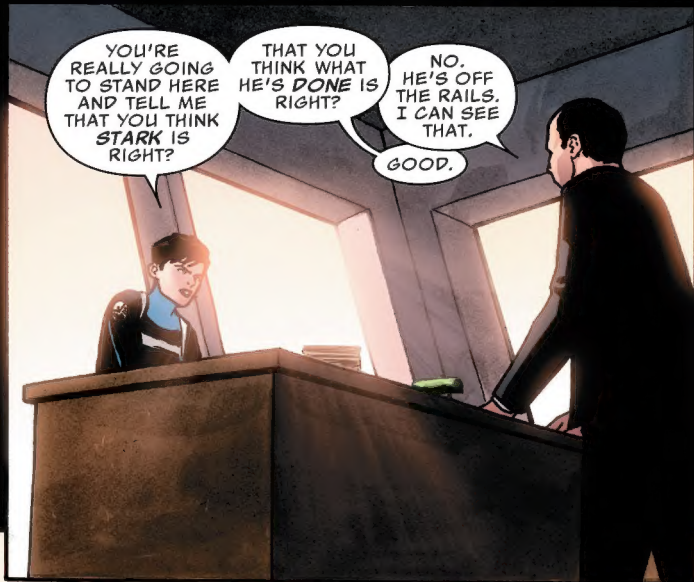
I GUESS I SHOULDN'T BE SURPRISED.

ONE DAY, IT'S PIECES OF A COSMIC CUBE, THE NEXT IT'S A PRECOGNITIVE INHUMAN.

EITHER WAY, IT'S A STAB AT PLAYING GOD.

NO, PHIL. AT SAVING THE WORLD.

STARK WAS RIGHT ABOUT THAT MUCH, AT LEAST.

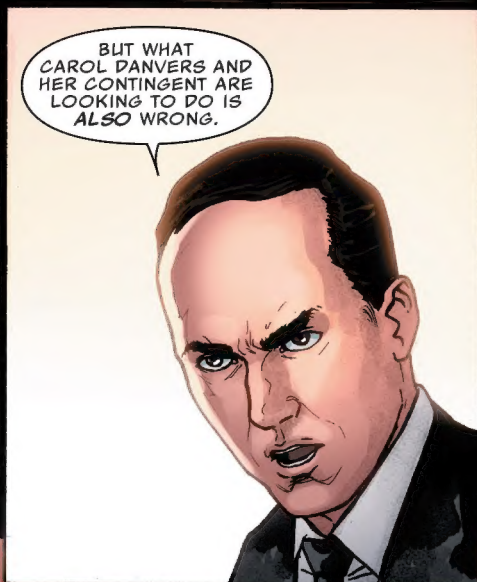


YOU'RE REALLY GOING TO STAND HERE AND TELL ME THAT YOU THINK **STARK** IS RIGHT?

THAT YOU THINK WHAT HE'S **DONE** IS RIGHT?

NO. HE'S OFF THE RAILS. I CAN SEE THAT.

GOOD.



BUT WHAT CAROL DANVERS AND HER CONTINGENT ARE LOOKING TO DO IS **ALSO** WRONG.



WELL, THAT'S TOO DARN BAD, PHIL. BECAUSE ONCE THE INHUMAN IS RECOVERED, WE'RE GOING TO BE USING HIM TO OUR **ADVANTAGE**.

WE'RE GOING TO STOP TROUBLE BEFORE IT EVER STARTS.



WE'RE NOT GOING TO "SAVE" THE WORLD.

WE'RE GOING TO SEE THAT IT NEVER GETS IN TROUBLE IN THE FIRST DAMN PLACE.



"WE"?

LIKE STARK SAID, EVERYONE'S GOING TO HAVE TO CHOOSE A SIDE.

I KNOW WHICH SIDE S.H.I.E.L.D.'S ON.



I WON'T BE A PARTY TO THAT.

WHAT'S THAT SUPPOSED TO MEAN? THAT IF IT COMES DOWN TO IT, YOU'LL REFUSE A DIRECT ORDER?

IF IT COMES DOWN TO IT.

I HOPE YOU CAN RESPECT THAT.



NO.

NO, I CAN'T. I CAN'T RESPECT THE DECISION TO NOT RESPECT THE CHAIN OF COMMAND.

EVER.

AND HOW MUCH "RESPECT" DID YOU SHOW THE CHAIN OF COMMAND WHEN YOU EMBARKED ON YOUR LITTLE KOBIK FIASCO?

DON'T BRING UP KOBIK. IT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH MY DECISION.

WHAT DECISION?



PHIL COULSON, YOU ARE HEREBY DISCHARGED.

YOUR EMPLOYMENT WITH S.H.I.E.L.D. IS TERMINATED.

EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY.

NEXT: THE THIRD FACTION!

NEXT:
AGENTS OF
S.H.I.E.L.D. 8



CIVIL
WAR II